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State's Unemployment Rate at Lowest Level Since 1989

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.1 percent in February is at its lowest level since March 1989 when the rate was 4 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in January and 5 percent a year ago. The corresponding national rates were 6.5 percent in February, 6.7 percent in January and 7 percent a year ago.

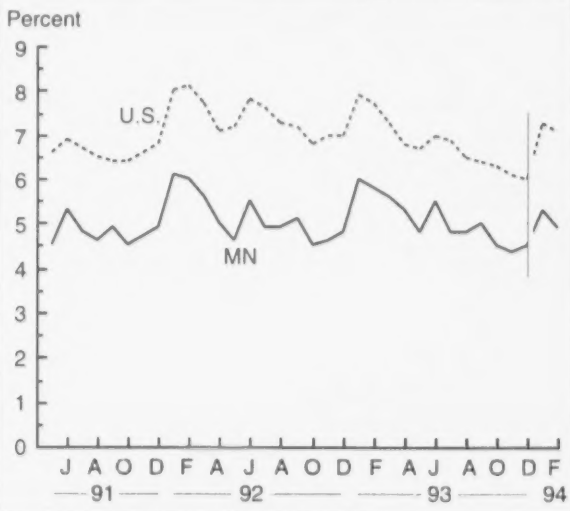
The unadjusted unemployment rates for Minnesota were 4.9 percent in February, 5.3 percent in January and 5.8 percent a year ago. For the nation, the unadjusted rates were 7.1 percent in February, 7.3 percent in January and 7.7 percent a year ago.

While every region of the state showed an improvement in its average unemployment rate from January to February, there was no change from January in which regions had the lowest and highest average unemployment rates. The seven-county Twin Cities area had an average unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in February, down from 3.8 percent in January. The northern headwaters region around Bemidji had a decrease in its average unemployment rate from 10.8 percent in January to 10.1 percent in February.

Over 80 of Minnesota's counties had lower unemployment rates in February compared to January. The highest unemployment rate among the counties was 22.7 percent in Clearwater County, down from 24.6 percent in January. Hennepin County continued to have the lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent in February, a decline from 3.5 percent in January.

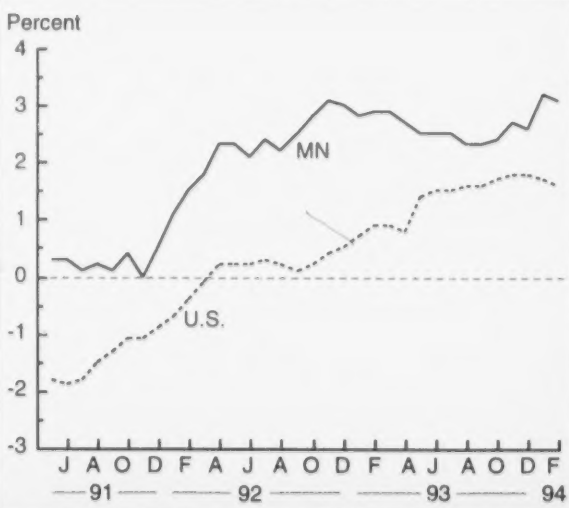
From a separate monthly survey of employers, the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Minnesota was up 67,900 from a year ago. This is about 35 percent greater than the 10-year average job increase from February to February. Minnesota's 3.1 percent job growth over this year is almost double the national increase of 1.6 percent. Mining is the only major industry where the state's growth rate was lower than the national one. Services continues to have the greatest job growth, 26,700 jobs. Among the services industries, the largest increases were 8,900 jobs in business services and 3,600 in social services.

Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Starting in January 1994 the unemployment rate is based on new survey methodology.

Total Nonfarm Jobs, U.S. and MN Percent Change From Year Ago

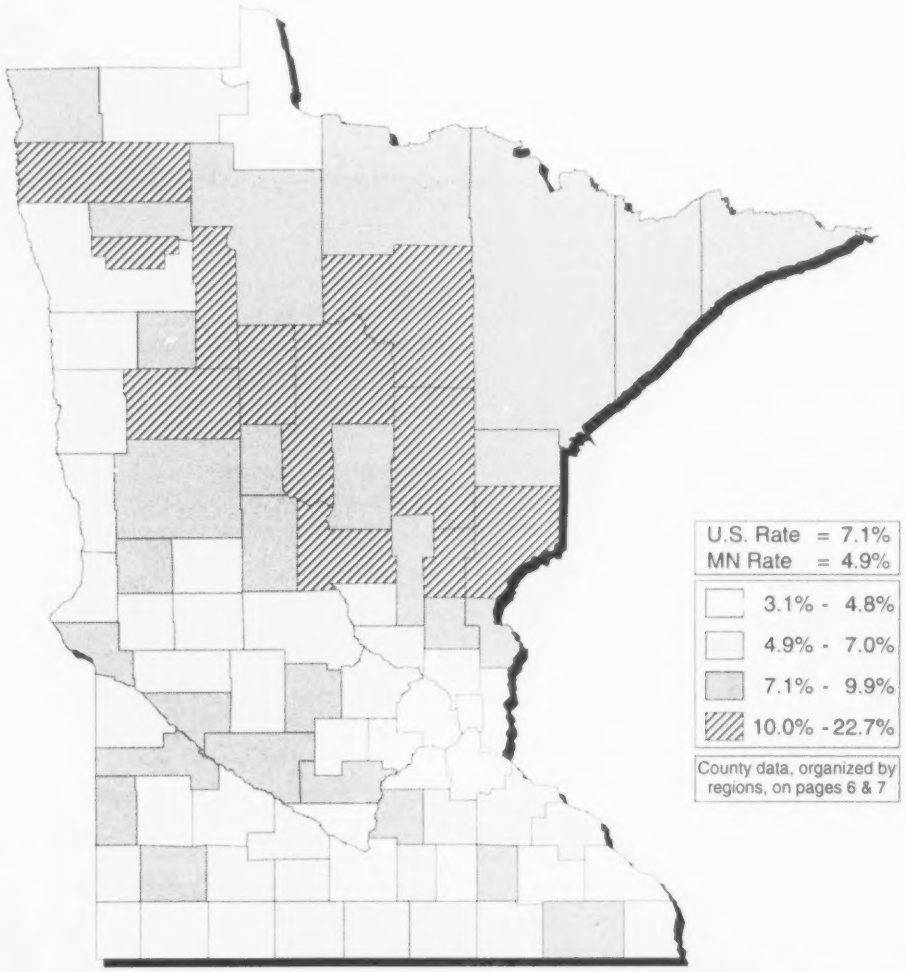


Job growth among the metropolitan areas has evened out since annual revisions and redefinition of two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) occurred at the beginning of 1994. Sherburne County was taken out of the St. Cloud MSA and added to the Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA. In the first two months of 1994, the Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA has taken the lead among Minnesota's MSAs in the percentage increase in nonfarm jobs over the year. The St. Cloud MSA had previously held that distinction.

Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

St. Cloud	Increase of 1,600 jobs or 2.2 percent
Minneapolis-St.Paul	Increase of 42,500 jobs or 3 percent
Rochester	Increase of 1,400 jobs or 2 percent
Duluth-Superior	Increase of 1,700 jobs or 1.7 percent

Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County
February 1994
(not seasonally adjusted)



Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,246.5	2,241.2	2,178.6	0.2	3.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	476.9	478.1	466.3	-0.2	2.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	6.6	6.6	6.9	0.4	-4.1	766.70	676.37	42.5	42.7	18.04	15.84
Metal Mining	5.4	5.4	5.8	0.8	-6.3	808.13	700.70	43.1	43.2	18.75	16.22
Construction	66.1	67.5	62.2	-2.2	6.2	698.63	700.13	37.5	37.5	18.63	18.67
Manufacturing	404.3	404.0	397.2	0.1	1.8	518.74	498.54	41.4	41.1	12.53	12.13
Durable Goods	231.2	231.4	226.7	-0.1	2.0	532.55	511.26	41.9	41.6	12.71	12.29
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	23.5	23.8	23.0	-1.3	2.4	524.58	525.67	38.8	39.2	13.52	13.41
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	7.6	7.6	6.8	-0.4	11.1	599.68	579.91	46.2	43.8	12.98	13.24
Primary Metals	6.2	6.2	5.9	1.1	5.8	593.09	544.82	43.9	42.3	13.51	12.88
Fabricated Metals	31.4	31.6	31.4	-0.7	0.1	576.45	545.02	42.2	41.7	13.66	13.07
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	76.0	75.9	75.5	0.1	0.6	596.40	574.25	42.6	42.6	14.00	13.48
Computer and Office Equipment	30.4	30.3	31.5	0.4	-3.3	697.56	689.85	43.3	45.0	16.11	15.33
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	30.9	30.6	30.1	0.9	2.7	424.35	423.95	41.4	42.1	10.25	10.07
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.1	11.1	0.2	8.4	531.15	484.31	42.8	41.5	12.41	11.67
Instruments and Related Products	34.3	34.4	34.5	-0.2	-0.6	474.31	449.49	41.9	41.2	11.32	10.91
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	9.3	9.3	8.4	0.2	10.6	418.76	410.82	39.1	39.2	10.71	10.48
Nondurable Goods	173.0	172.6	170.5	0.2	1.5	503.07	481.57	40.9	40.4	12.30	11.92
Food and Beverage Products	48.5	48.5	49.3	0.0	-1.7	452.69	431.17	41.8	40.6	10.83	10.62
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.2	5.2	4.7	-0.8	9.3	333.31	333.29	37.2	38.8	8.96	8.59
Paper and Allied Products	32.9	32.9	33.3	0.0	-1.1	619.75	607.35	40.8	41.8	15.19	14.53
Printing and Publishing	54.6	54.4	52.3	0.4	4.5	489.29	457.38	39.3	38.5	12.45	11.88
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.4	0.5	1.6	688.90	657.25	43.3	43.7	15.91	15.04
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	19.3	19.1	18.5	1.0	4.0	465.89	447.72	42.2	41.0	11.04	10.92
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,769.5	1,763.1	1,712.3	0.4	3.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	108.9	109.0	108.3	0.0	0.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	75.0	75.0	74.3	0.0	1.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	27.8	27.8	26.7	-0.2	4.2	445.43	400.62	39.7	34.3	11.22	11.68
Communications and Utilities	33.9	34.0	34.0	0.0	-0.3	664.15	654.84	37.0	36.4	17.95	17.99
Trade	530.9	534.1	517.4	-0.6	2.6	274.95	266.34	28.7	28.7	9.58	9.28
Wholesale Trade	131.9	131.8	126.9	0.1	4.0	469.88	464.26	37.5	38.4	12.53	12.09
Retail Trade	398.9	402.3	390.5	-0.8	2.2	215.54	207.43	26.0	25.8	8.29	8.04
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	16.3	16.7	15.6	-2.2	4.3	365.40	331.17	33.4	31.6	10.94	10.48
General Merchandise Stores	56.1	57.8	55.8	-2.9	0.5	217.21	216.93	27.6	28.1	7.87	7.72
Food Stores	54.4	54.8	55.0	-0.8	-1.1	241.74	249.85	26.8	27.7	9.02	9.02
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	45.2	45.1	42.7	0.3	5.8	338.88	322.76	34.3	34.3	9.88	9.41
Apparel and Accessories Stores	19.5	20.6	19.7	-5.3	-1.3	149.63	138.19	22.5	21.9	6.65	6.31
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	16.8	16.9	15.8	-0.6	6.2	308.62	308.16	30.8	32.1	10.02	9.60
Eating and Drinking Places	135.0	134.3	130.7	0.5	3.3	135.26	125.64	21.2	20.2	6.38	6.22
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	138.7	138.3	131.9	0.3	5.1						
Finance	63.4	63.2	59.4	0.3	6.7						
Insurance	53.0	52.8	50.4	0.5	5.2						
Real Estate	22.3	22.3	22.1	-0.3	0.8						
Services	621.5	618.0	594.8	0.6	4.5						
Personal Services	24.6	24.5	24.8	0.4	-1.0						
Business Service	112.9	112.6	104.0	0.3	8.6						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	23.9	23.7	23.0	0.9	4.0						
Health Services	183.5	183.1	180.4	0.2	1.7						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	47.0	46.9	45.8	0.4	2.7						
Hospitals	55.3	55.5	56.3	-0.3	-1.6						
Legal Services	16.3	16.1	16.2	0.8	0.5						
Private Educational Services	35.7	34.2	34.7	4.3	2.9						
Government	369.6	363.9	359.9	1.6	2.7						
Federal Government	33.9	34.1	33.6	-0.6	0.7						
State Government	87.9	85.8	87.4	2.5	0.6						
State Government Education	50.5	48.3	50.8	4.5	-0.6						
Local Government	247.9	244.0	238.9	1.6	3.8						
Local Government Education	136.6	132.5	131.6	3.1	3.8						

Note: Not all industry sub-groups are shown for every major industry category.

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Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,454.9	1,451.9	1,412.5	0.2	3.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	305.9	307.3	302.7	-0.4	1.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.3	0.3	0.4	-3.4	-21.4	686.51	698.33	40.1	42.4	17.12	16.47
Construction	40.6	41.7	40.4	-2.7	0.4	753.61	755.25	37.4	37.5	20.15	20.14
Manufacturing	265.0	265.3	261.9	-0.1	1.2	549.05	524.69	41.5	40.8	13.23	12.86
Durable Goods	153.7	154.1	152.9	-0.2	0.5	564.64	536.77	42.2	41.1	13.38	13.06
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	9.4	9.6	9.2	-2.0	1.3	582.93	597.52	38.3	38.8	15.22	15.40
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	2.8	2.9	2.6	-1.7	8.8	619.83	605.91	42.6	42.7	14.55	14.19
Primary Metals	4.8	4.7	4.6	1.0	4.9	592.04	552.55	43.5	42.9	13.61	12.88
Fabricated Metals	23.6	23.7	23.7	-0.7	-0.8	625.98	577.41	42.7	41.6	14.66	13.88
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	51.9	51.9	52.0	0.0	-0.1	617.34	592.38	42.4	41.6	14.56	14.24
Computer and Office Equipment	19.2	19.1	19.9	0.2	-3.7	706.78	689.78	41.6	42.5	16.99	16.23
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.3	19.1	18.2	1.1	5.7	438.10	415.72	42.7	40.4	10.26	10.29
Transportation Equipment	5.4	5.6	5.2	-2.2	4.6	637.72	607.15	41.9	41.5	15.22	14.63
Instruments and Related Products	30.7	30.8	31.4	-0.2	-2.2	516.00	473.06	43.0	41.1	12.00	11.51
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	5.9	5.9	6.0	-0.4	-1.7	479.99	462.48	40.2	39.8	11.94	11.62
Nondurable Goods	111.4	111.2	109.0	0.1	2.2	529.42	509.04	40.6	40.4	13.04	12.60
Food and Beverage Products	19.1	19.2	19.0	-0.5	0.5	517.29	526.15	43.0	42.5	12.03	12.38
Paper and Allied Products	26.0	26.1	26.2	-0.1	-0.7	570.65	533.89	40.5	40.6	14.09	13.15
Printing and Publishing	39.3	39.2	37.6	0.1	4.5	499.20	464.36	39.0	37.6	12.80	12.35
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	11.4	11.4	11.1	0.4	3.0	745.38	694.42	44.5	44.4	16.75	15.64
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	12.7	12.5	12.4	1.4	2.0	479.97	462.89	41.7	41.0	11.51	11.29
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,149.0	1,144.6	1,109.8	0.4	3.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	76.8	76.7	77.2	0.1	-0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	55.3	55.1	55.8	0.2	-1.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	18.0	18.0	17.5	-0.2	2.7	460.77	362.77	37.4	28.1	12.32	12.91
Communications and Utilities	21.6	21.6	21.4	-0.2	0.7	678.06	655.94	37.4	36.1	18.13	18.17
Trade	341.0	342.8	330.6	-0.5	3.2	297.26	294.92	28.5	29.2	10.43	10.10
Wholesale Trade	87.9	87.8	84.4	0.1	4.2	528.96	510.72	38.0	38.4	13.92	13.30
Retail Trade	253.2	255.0	246.3	-0.7	2.8	224.15	227.50	25.5	26.3	8.79	8.65
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	9.3	9.5	8.8	-1.9	5.9	406.70	378.78	33.2	30.4	12.25	12.46
General Merchandise Stores	36.8	37.9	36.6	-3.0	0.5	245.08	249.10	28.3	29.1	8.66	8.56
Food Stores	31.5	31.7	31.5	-0.6	0.2	275.60	275.99	28.5	28.6	9.67	9.65
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	26.0	26.0	24.5	0.0	6.1	404.06	364.59	36.6	35.5	11.04	10.27
Apparel and Accessories Stores	13.8	14.4	13.7	-4.1	0.5	151.85	138.46	22.8	21.5	6.66	6.44
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.4	11.5	10.8	-0.6	6.1	0.99	359.96	3.1	32.4	0.32	11.11
Eating and Drinking Places	87.6	87.1	85.0	0.6	3.1	153.69	145.73	21.8	20.7	7.05	7.04
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	109.9	109.6	104.2	0.2	5.5						
Finance	47.6	47.5	44.1	0.2	8.1						
Insurance	44.6	44.5	42.8	0.3	4.3						
Real Estate	17.6	17.6	17.3	-0.2	1.6						
Services	412.5	410.3	393.3	0.5	4.9						
Personal Services	17.4	17.3	17.5	0.5	-0.5						
Business Services	94.6	94.4	87.3	0.2	8.3						
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.6	17.5	17.1	0.8	3.1						
Health Services	107.3	107.1	104.8	0.1	2.3						
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	25.5	25.4	25.0	0.3	2.2						
Hospitals	33.2	33.3	33.9	-0.1	-1.9						
Legal Services	13.2	13.1	13.1	0.7	0.6						
Private Educational Services	19.3	18.2	18.9	6.2	1.9						
Government	208.8	205.1	204.4	1.8	2.1						
Federal Government	22.1	22.2	21.6	-0.4	2.5						
State Government	58.4	57.2	57.5	2.1	1.5						
State Government Education	34.3	33.1	33.6	3.6	2.1						
Local Government	128.2	125.6	125.3	2.1	2.3						
Local Government Education	72.1	69.4	70.4	3.9	2.4						

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Jan 1994	Feb 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	77,046	76,589	75,403	0.6	2.2
Goods Producing	16,476	16,384	15,815	0.6	4.2
Construction and Mining	2,612	2,713	2,428	-3.7	7.6
Manufacturing	13,864	13,671	13,387	1.4	3.6
Durable Goods	7,055	6,970	7,081	1.2	-0.4
Nondurable Goods	6,809	6,701	6,306	1.6	8.0
Service Producing	60,570	60,205	59,588	0.6	1.6
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,618	2,652	2,717	-1.3	-3.6
Trade	23,370	23,589	22,870	-0.9	2.2
Wholesale Trade	4,044	4,048	3,903	-0.1	3.6
Retail Trade	19,326	19,541	18,967	-1.1	1.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,397	2,364	2,317	1.4	3.5
Services	19,076	18,659	18,848	2.2	1.2
Health Services	5,748	5,722	5,767	0.5	-0.3
Other Services	13,328	12,937	13,081	3.0	1.9
Government	13,109	12,941	12,836	1.3	2.1

Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Jan 1994	Feb 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	68,840	69,018	67,469	-0.3	2.0
Goods Producing	13,041	13,098	13,932	-0.4	-6.4
Construction and Mining	1,807	1,836	1,890	-1.6	-4.4
Manufacturing	11,234	11,262	12,042	-0.2	-6.7
Durable Goods	9,302	9,317	10,212	-0.2	-8.9
Nondurable Goods	1,932	1,945	1,830	-0.7	5.6
Service Producing	55,799	55,920	53,537	-0.2	4.2
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,008	1,985	2,033	1.2	-1.2
Trade	14,276	14,506	13,200	-1.6	8.2
Wholesale Trade	1,760	1,755	1,698	0.3	3.7
Retail Trade	12,516	12,751	11,502	-1.8	8.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,892	1,912	1,790	-1.0	5.7
Services	30,206	30,245	29,375	-0.1	2.8
Health Services	19,617	19,588	19,370	0.1	1.3
Other Services	10,589	10,657	10,005	-0.6	5.8
Government	7,417	7,272	7,139	2.0	3.9

Minnesota's Annual Job Growth 3.1 Percent in February

- **Minnesota's** total nonfarm employment grew by 69,100 jobs since February 1993. For the second consecutive month, all major industrial sectors showed strong gains. The only one that showed a decline was mining.
- The **Twin Cities** followed the state closely with a 3 percent increase and added 42,500 jobs since January 1993. Nearly half of those new jobs occurred in the services sector (19,200). Trade added 10,400 jobs. Finance, insurance and real estate added 5,700 jobs and manufacturing added 3,100 new jobs.
- The **Rochester** area had a 2 percent increase in employment since last year (1,400 jobs). Most of the job gains were in retail trade and services.
- The **St. Cloud** area grew by 2.2 percent in total nonfarm jobs since February 1993 (1,600 jobs). All industry groups posted gains except for state and federal government.
- The **Duluth-Superior** area gained 1,700 jobs since February 1993, an increase of 1.7 percent in total employment. The gains were spread across all industrial sectors.

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Jan 1994	Feb 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	51,812	52,105	50,960	-0.6	1.7	99,497	99,029	97,812	0.5	1.7
Goods Producing	4,725	4,769	4,713	-0.9	0.3	15,916	16,069	15,167	-1.0	4.9
Mining		Combined with construction				4,921	4,877	4,738	0.9	3.9
Construction	1,340	1,368	1,337	-2.0	0.2	2,763	2,927	2,607	-5.6	6.0
Manufacturing	3,385	3,401	3,376	-0.5	0.3	8,232	8,265	7,822	-0.4	5.2
Durable Goods	1,294	1,310	1,265	-1.2	2.3	4,387	4,427	4,345	-0.9	1.0
Nondurable Goods	2,091	2,091	2,111	0.0	-0.9	3,845	3,838	3,477	0.2	10.6
Service Producing	47,087	47,336	46,247	-0.5	1.8	83,581	82,960	82,645	0.7	1.1
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,793	3,115	2,924	-10.3	-4.5	5,959	6,023	5,742	-1.1	3.8
Trade	13,132	13,542	12,466	-3.0	5.3	25,418	25,506	25,139	-0.3	1.1
Wholesale Trade	1,988	2,022	1,878	-1.7	5.9	4,093	4,126	4,046	-0.8	1.2
Retail Trade	11,144	11,520	10,588	-3.3	5.3	21,325	21,380	21,093	-0.3	1.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,239	2,201	2,174	1.7	3.0	3,459	3,427	3,380	0.9	2.3
Services	16,633	16,606	16,359	0.2	1.7	26,992	26,837	26,689	0.6	1.1
Health Services	7,178	7,165	6,943	0.2	3.4	11,224	11,169	10,981	0.5	2.2
Other Services	9,455	9,441	9,416	0.1	0.4	15,768	15,668	15,708	0.6	0.4
Government	12,290	11,872	12,324	3.5	-0.3	21,753	21,167	21,695	2.8	0.3

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Jan 1994	Feb 1993
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	130,776	130,667	127,327	122,258	121,971	118,451	8,518	8,696	8,876	6.5	6.7	7.0
(Unadjusted)	129,764	129,393	126,505	120,503	119,901	116,735	9,262	9,492	9,770	7.1	7.3	7.7
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,582,425	2,539,609	2,446,290	2,475,563	2,426,306	2,322,779	106,862	113,303	123,511	4.1	4.5	5.0
(Unadjusted)	2,548,040	2,511,313	2,412,047	2,424,256	2,378,244	2,271,494	123,784	133,069	140,553	4.9	5.3	5.8
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)*												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,567,484	1,544,806	1,479,957	1,509,178	1,482,673	1,411,524	58,306	62,133	68,433	3.7	4.0	4.6
Duluth-Superior MSA	120,008	118,124	116,094	110,855	108,977	106,321	9,153	9,147	9,773	7.6	7.7	8.4
St. Cloud MSA	90,588	89,569	86,066	85,703	83,667	80,712	4,885	5,902	5,354	5.4	6.6	6.2
Rochester MSA	66,716	66,005	62,640	64,073	63,212	60,351	2,643	2,793	2,289	4.0	4.2	3.7
Region 1	49,982	49,207	47,099	46,215	44,991	42,906	3,767	4,216	4,193	7.5	8.6	8.9
Kittson	2,582	2,511	2,500	2,383	2,294	2,244	199	217	256	7.7	8.6	10.2
Marshall	4,969	4,971	4,811	4,280	4,199	4,014	689	772	797	13.9	15.5	16.6
Norman	3,608	3,499	3,426	3,358	3,228	3,112	250	271	314	6.9	7.7	9.2
Pennington	6,915	6,963	6,633	6,243	6,171	5,801	672	792	832	9.7	11.4	12.5
Polk	21,640	21,181	19,833	20,468	19,916	18,683	1,172	1,265	1,150	5.4	6.0	5.8
Red Lake	2,164	2,143	2,057	1,789	1,741	1,674	375	402	383	17.3	18.8	18.6
Roseau	8,104	7,939	7,839	7,694	7,442	7,378	410	497	461	5.1	6.3	5.9
Region 2	33,624	33,142	31,856	30,234	29,558	28,294	3,390	3,584	3,562	10.1	10.8	11.2
Beltrami	16,895	16,605	15,972	15,572	15,200	14,632	1,323	1,405	1,340	7.8	8.5	8.4
Clearwater	3,853	3,864	3,823	2,977	2,913	2,849	876	951	974	22.7	24.6	25.5
Hubbard	7,318	7,206	6,963	6,496	6,341	6,104	822	865	859	11.2	12.0	12.3
Lake of the Woods	2,179	2,095	2,078	2,075	2,006	1,989	104	89	89	4.8	4.2	4.3
Mahnomen	3,379	3,372	3,020	3,114	3,098	2,720	265	274	300	7.8	8.1	9.9
Region 3	152,707	150,908	147,665	139,747	137,293	133,783	12,960	13,615	13,882	8.5	9.0	9.4
Aitkin	5,622	5,593	5,303	4,895	4,808	4,507	727	785	796	12.9	14.0	15.0
Carlton	15,328	15,102	14,353	13,986	13,698	12,973	1,342	1,404	1,380	8.8	9.3	9.6
Cook	2,607	2,594	2,464	2,400	2,357	2,253	207	237	211	7.9	9.1	8.6
Itasca	18,910	18,838	18,459	16,419	16,240	16,260	2,491	2,598	2,199	13.2	13.8	11.9
Koochiching	6,305	6,303	6,371	5,720	5,659	5,672	585	644	699	9.3	10.2	11.0
Lake	5,383	5,300	5,165	4,974	4,874	4,675	409	426	490	7.6	8.0	9.5
St. Louis	98,552	97,178	95,550	91,353	89,657	87,443	7,199	7,521	8,107	7.3	7.7	8.5
City of Duluth	43,176	42,452	41,653	40,634	39,879	38,895	2,542	2,573	2,758	5.9	6.1	6.6
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	55,376	54,726	53,897	50,719	49,778	48,548	4,657	4,948	5,349	8.4	9.0	9.9
Region 4	101,069	99,170	95,936	93,922	91,821	87,772	7,147	7,349	8,164	7.1	7.4	8.5
Becker	12,564	12,346	11,874	11,234	10,967	10,317	1,330	1,379	1,557	10.6	11.2	13.1
Clay	29,289	28,574	27,380	27,688	27,085	25,961	1,601	1,489	1,419	5.5	5.2	5.2
Douglas	15,214	14,952	14,414	14,303	13,988	13,304	911	964	1,110	6.0	6.4	7.7
Grant	3,101	3,074	2,846	2,877	2,832	2,580	224	242	266	7.2	7.9	9.3
Otter Tail	24,863	24,520	24,151	22,763	22,270	21,386	2,100	2,250	2,765	8.4	9.2	11.4
Pope	5,061	4,977	4,975	4,717	4,600	4,582	344	377	393	6.8	7.6	7.9
Stevens	5,371	5,295	5,041	5,058	4,967	4,718	313	328	323	5.8	6.2	6.4
Traverse	1,763	1,755	1,694	1,656	1,634	1,559	107	121	135	6.1	6.9	8.0
Wilkin	3,843	3,677	3,561	3,626	3,478	3,365	217	199	196	5.6	5.4	5.5
Region 5	66,368	65,494	61,949	60,149	58,858	54,966	6,219	6,636	6,983	9.4	10.1	11.3
Cass	10,399	10,221	9,652	9,240	9,051	8,408	1,159	1,170	1,244	11.1	11.4	12.9
Crow Wing	23,910	23,653	22,239	21,902	21,455	19,929	2,008	2,198	2,310	8.4	9.3	10.4
Morrison	15,016	14,868	14,210	13,455	13,205	12,365	1,561	1,663	1,845	10.4	11.2	13.0
Todd	10,850	10,646	10,120	9,844	9,570	9,034	1,006	1,076	1,086	9.3	10.1	10.7
Wadena	6,193	6,106	5,728	5,708	5,577	5,230	485	529	498	7.8	8.7	8.7
Region 6E	57,782	56,823	55,002	54,178	53,008	51,041	3,604	3,815	3,961	6.2	6.7	7.2
Kandiyohi	19,938	19,629	18,840	18,834	18,438	17,702	1,104	1,191	1,138	5.5	6.1	6.0
McLeod	19,532	19,277	18,373	18,594	18,264	17,251	938	1,013	1,122	4.8	5.3	6.1
Meeker	9,617	9,361	9,178	8,726	8,454	8,210	891	907	968	9.3	9.7	10.5
Renville	8,695	8,556	8,611	8,024	7,852	7,878	671	704	733	7.7	8.2	8.5
Region 6W	25,345	24,860	23,080	23,543	22,991	21,293	1,802	1,869	1,787	7.1	7.5	7.7
Big Stone	2,875	2,860	2,785	2,640	2,608	2,517	235	252	268	8.2	8.8	9.6
Chippewa	6,788	6,701	6,028	6,235	6,121	5,551	553	580	477	8.1	8.7	7.9
Lac Qui Parle	4,046	3,997	3,813	3,832	3,779	3,563	214	218	250	5.3	5.5	6.6
Swift	5,303	5,147	4,786	4,950	4,791	4,413	353	356	373	6.7	6.9	7.8
Yellow Medicine	6,333	6,155	5,668	5,886	5,692	5,249	447	463	419	7.1	7.5	7.4

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Region 7E	61,019	60,307	58,019	55,478	54,448	51,870	5,541	5,859	6,149	9.1	9.7	10.6
Chisago	17,399	17,205	16,507	15,895	15,612	14,862	1,504	1,593	1,645	8.6	9.3	10.0
Isanti	14,220	14,085	13,610	13,197	12,962	12,339	1,023	1,123	1,271	7.2	8.0	9.3
Kanabec	6,919	6,855	6,740	6,081	5,960	5,809	838	895	931	12.1	13.1	13.8
Mille Lacs	10,094	9,899	9,848	9,209	8,980	8,882	885	919	966	8.8	9.3	9.8
Pine	12,387	12,263	11,314	11,096	10,934	9,978	1,291	1,329	1,336	10.4	10.8	11.8
Region 7W	157,553	155,653	149,524	148,069	144,920	139,022	9,484	10,733	10,502	6.0	6.9	7.0
Benton	18,850	18,661	17,908	17,654	17,235	16,626	1,196	1,426	1,282	6.3	7.6	7.2
Sherburne	25,607	25,331	24,354	23,920	23,493	22,365	1,687	1,838	1,989	6.6	7.3	8.2
Stearns	71,738	70,908	68,158	68,049	66,432	64,086	3,689	4,476	4,072	5.1	6.3	6.0
Wright	41,358	40,753	39,104	38,446	37,760	35,945	2,912	2,993	3,159	7.0	7.3	8.1
Region 8	64,154	63,123	60,169	60,868	59,486	56,616	3,286	3,637	3,553	5.1	5.8	5.9
Cottonwood	6,375	6,248	5,836	6,051	5,883	5,501	324	365	335	5.1	5.8	5.7
Jackson	5,828	5,722	5,217	5,547	5,426	4,922	281	296	295	4.8	5.2	5.7
Lincoln	3,183	3,155	2,955	2,958	2,899	2,728	225	256	227	7.1	8.1	7.7
Lyon	15,386	15,028	14,529	14,718	14,246	13,766	668	782	763	4.3	5.2	5.3
Murray	4,483	4,378	4,283	4,079	3,966	3,867	404	412	416	9.0	9.4	9.7
Nobles	10,297	10,127	9,828	9,822	9,612	9,288	475	515	540	4.6	5.1	5.5
Pipestone	4,821	4,834	4,642	4,541	4,513	4,299	280	321	343	5.8	6.6	7.4
Redwood	8,891	8,807	8,377	8,463	8,312	7,891	428	495	486	4.8	5.6	5.8
Rock	4,890	4,824	4,502	4,689	4,629	4,354	201	195	148	4.1	4.0	3.3
Region 9	116,506	114,432	112,594	110,286	107,820	105,313	6,220	6,612	7,281	5.3	5.8	6.5
Blue Earth	31,662	30,864	30,267	30,541	29,723	28,901	1,121	1,141	1,366	3.5	3.7	4.5
Brown	14,747	14,511	13,900	13,894	13,556	12,969	853	955	931	5.8	6.6	6.7
Faribault	7,749	7,599	7,798	7,204	7,055	7,076	545	544	722	7.0	7.2	9.3
Le Sueur	13,237	12,986	12,670	12,235	11,907	11,578	1,002	1,079	1,092	7.6	8.3	8.6
Martin	11,125	10,993	11,161	10,364	10,198	10,249	761	795	912	6.8	7.2	8.2
Nicollet	17,011	16,620	16,239	16,447	16,007	15,564	564	613	675	3.3	3.7	4.2
Sibley	6,457	6,463	6,243	5,859	5,863	5,608	598	600	635	9.3	9.3	10.2
Waseca	8,576	8,568	8,616	8,099	8,007	7,977	477	561	639	5.6	6.5	7.4
Watonwan	5,942	5,828	5,700	5,643	5,504	5,391	299	324	309	5.0	5.6	5.4
Region 10	242,590	239,225	229,028	230,706	226,659	216,915	11,884	12,566	12,113	4.9	5.3	5.3
Dodge	8,246	8,230	7,892	7,595	7,497	7,236	651	733	656	7.9	8.9	8.3
Fillmore	10,229	10,096	9,758	9,472	9,297	8,953	757	799	805	7.4	7.9	8.2
Freeborn	17,553	17,366	16,897	16,481	16,240	15,919	1,072	1,126	978	6.1	6.5	5.8
Goodhue	24,899	24,427	23,195	23,672	23,206	21,980	1,227	1,221	1,215	4.9	5.0	5.2
Houston	10,418	10,132	10,181	10,056	9,744	9,512	362	388	669	3.5	3.8	6.6
Mower	18,834	18,493	17,852	17,971	17,608	17,040	863	885	812	4.6	4.8	4.5
Olmsted	66,716	66,005	62,640	64,073	63,212	60,351	2,643	2,793	2,289	4.0	4.2	3.7
City of Rochester	44,691	44,221	41,917	42,890	42,314	40,399	1,801	1,907	1,518	4.0	4.3	3.6
Rice	27,939	27,594	27,071	26,336	25,839	25,310	1,603	1,755	1,761	5.7	6.4	6.5
Steele	18,113	18,023	16,582	17,310	17,212	15,760	803	811	822	4.4	4.5	5.0
Wabasha	10,963	10,714	10,366	10,344	10,020	9,737	619	694	629	5.6	6.5	6.1
Winona	28,680	28,145	26,594	27,396	26,784	25,117	1,284	1,361	1,477	4.5	4.8	5.6
Region 11	1,419,342	1,398,958	1,340,126	1,370,860	1,346,389	1,281,704	48,482	52,569	58,422	3.4	3.8	4.4
Anoka	158,213	155,943	149,554	151,388	148,686	141,543	6,825	7,257	8,011	4.3	4.7	5.4
Carver	31,502	30,999	29,597	30,281	29,740	28,311	1,221	1,259	1,286	3.9	4.1	4.3
Dakota	183,024	180,294	172,646	176,887	173,730	165,383	6,137	6,564	7,263	3.4	3.6	4.2
Hennepin	637,169	628,169	601,597	617,343	606,323	577,193	19,826	21,846	24,404	3.1	3.5	4.1
City of Bloomington	56,163	55,403	53,081	54,756	53,779	51,195	1,407	1,624	1,886	2.5	2.9	3.6
City of Minneapolis	210,332	207,565	198,498	203,016	199,392	189,813	7,316	8,173	8,685	3.5	3.9	4.4
Ramsey	279,638	275,664	264,009	270,387	265,560	252,802	9,251	10,104	11,207	3.3	3.7	4.2
City of St. Paul	146,563	144,705	138,453	140,787	138,274	131,631	5,776	6,431	6,822	3.9	4.4	4.9
Scott	37,102	36,604	35,217	35,449	34,816	33,143	1,653	1,788	2,074	4.5	4.9	5.9
Washington	92,694	91,285	87,506	89,125	87,534	83,329	3,569	3,751	4,177	3.9	4.1	4.8

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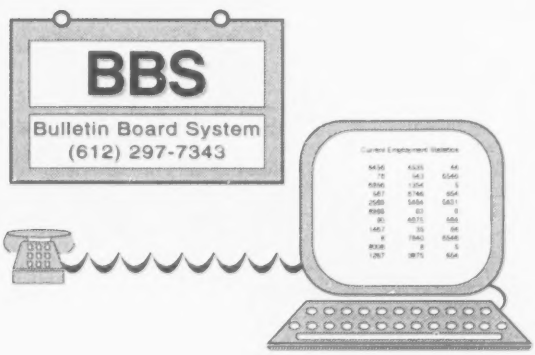

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